THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Government have seen media reports in this regard. There are however, no specific inputs to suggest the entry of Osma-Bin-Laden alongwith other trained militants into Jammu & Kashmir.

(b) Due to the sustained efforts, strict vigilance and concerted actions of the Security Force success has been achieved in controlling infiltration from across the borders despite the difficult terrain and other constraints, which has resulted in killed of a good number of militants at the border in the current callender year.

(c) Yes Sir, the Government have adopted a multi-pronged approach to tackle infiltration on the border which includes interalia strengthening the border management, gearing up intelligence machinery and improved interaction with the border population etc.

Harassing Muslims as ISI Suspects

382. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many ISI suspects have been arrested so far State-wise;

(b) how many of them are Indian citizens, State-wise;

(c) whether Government are aware that police are harassing Muslims threatening to book them as ISI agents; and

(d) the stpes being taken by Government to prevent such misuse of powers by the police?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) 48 ISI suspects have been arrested in 1998 till 20.11.98. State-wise break-up of ISI suspects arrested is as under:—

Punjab	Delhi	Rajasthan	Gujarat
7	19	1	2
Haryana	Andhra		Pradesh
3		12	
Uttar Pradesh	Mumbai		
1	3		

(b) State-wise break-up of Indian citizens arrested is as under:—

Punjab	Delhi	Rajasthan	Gujarat
6	11	1	1
Haryana	Andhra	Pradesh	U.P.
3	6		1

In Jammu and Kashmir where the militancy is aided and abetted by Pak agencies including ISI, 1306 militants have been arrested so far in 1998.

(c) No such cases have come to the notice of Government.

(d) Does not arise.

Militancy in J&K

383. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of encounters between militants and security forces in Jammu and Kashmir during the last six months;

(b) the details of casualties in these encounters;

(c) the details of quantity of arms and ammunition recovered from the militants; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to prevent infiltration of militants from Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) As per available information there were 733 incidents of violence by the militants directed against the security forces personnel during the period from May 1998 to October 1998 in which 134 security forces personnel, 567 militants and 65 civilians have been killed in cross firing.

(c) 866 AK Series Rifles, 292 Pistols/ Revolvers, 32 UMGs, 2 LMGs, 15 Shiper Rifles, 3 SLRs, 3,303 Rifles, 14, 12 bore guns, 73 RPGs and 46 Rocket Launchers, alongwith large quantities of assorted arms ammunition, accessories etc. have been recovered from the militants during the period.

(d) Government have adopted a multipronged approach which includes inter-alia strengthening the border management, neutralising plans of militants by proactive action against them in hinterland, gearing up intelligence machinery, better interaction with the border population etc.

Arms Dropping in Purulia

384. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large part of sophisticated arms dropped in Purulia in 1995 by a strange intruding aircraft reached the gangs of criminals in Uttar Pradesh, as reported in the Hindustan Times, dated the 2nd August, 1998; and

(b) if so, which criminal gangs have been found in possession of such arms and the details of persons apprehended and the identification marks found on such arms?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) A large part of the arms dropped in Purulia have infact been recovered only in one case one AK-56 rifle was found with a criminal who was killed in an encounter in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Attacks on Minorities

385. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of atrocious attacks took place on the minority communities in the country specially in Gujarat, Rajasthan and Maharashtra since March this year with details thereof; and

(b) the action taken to restore minority confidence?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) As per the information available the number of attacks involving Christians or Muslims during the current year from 1.1.1998 to 15.11.1998 are given in the attached statement (*see* below).

(b) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Constitution of India. The registration, investigation and detection of crime as well as the prevention of crime are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments.

Even as it is essentially for the State Governments to deal with crime, the Central Government has been providing assistance to the State Governments for improving their policing infrastructure, besides sharing intelligence with them. It has also constituted a special force, called Rapid Action Force, for assisting the State Governments in controlling communal situations. Guidelines have also been issued, from time to time, drawing the attention of the State Governments to the need for taking action against persons spreading ill-will, hatred or disharmony between members of different communities.

After the recent incidents of attack on minorities, the Chief Secretaries of the concerned States have been advised to issue suitable instructions to the District Authorities concerned to respond immediately to the complaints of atrocities/harassment of the minorities and initiate prompt and effective action to identify and punish the guilty persons. The Government is clear that acts of violence against the minority communities, whenever and in whatever form they occur, must be dealt with sternly and exemplary punishment awarded to the perpetrators.

Statement

Number of communal incidents Statewise involving Muslims or Christians

States	1998 (1.1.98 to 15.11.98)
1. Andhra Pradesh	17
2. Arunachal Pradesh	0
3. Assam	5